

1 **"ASSET RECOVERY DEVICE"**

2 ABSTRACT

3 A system is presented for a novel apparatus and method that shortens
4 the time that an asset is lost and increases the probability of return should the
5 asset go astray. The system is intended to allow the asset to proactively alert
6 passers-by that it is lost and also alert the owner of the asset that the asset is
7 lost. The invention contains identification and contact information to aid in the
8 safe, prompt return of the asset. The system comprises an asset tag that is
9 attached to the asset and a base station that is 'synchronized' with the asset
10 tag at specified intervals. Should the asset tag not synchronize with the base
11 station within a predetermined interval, it will emit a personalized voice
12 recording to let passers-by know that the asset is lost and in need of safe
13 return to its owner. In addition, the system can alert the owner that the asset
14 has gone missing. In this case, the base station may emit a warning
15 indicating that the asset tag has not synchronized with the base station within
16 the predetermined interval.